

Snohomish County District Court

Mitigation In Person Hearing

The Court is in receipt of your request for a hearing to mitigate (explain the circumstances) your traffic infraction. Your case cannot be dismissed if you request a mitigation hearing. You must appear in court on the date and time indicated on the enclosed hearing notice ***unless you wish to have your hearing by mail.***

If you fail to appear for your hearing, the infraction will be found committed, a \$52 default penalty will be added, and the finding will be reported to the Department of Licensing. Unpaid fines may also result in a referral to a collection agency and suspension of your privilege to drive.

Mitigation Hearing by Mail

Instead of appearing in court on the date and time scheduled on your hearing notice, you have the option of a mitigation hearing by mail. If you decide to proceed with a hearing by mail, you will not be required to appear in court. Instead you must complete the Defendant's Statement below and the declaration and mail them to the court prior to your scheduled hearing. Also, if you were charged with No Proof of Insurance under RCW 46.30.020, AND you have proof that you were properly insured on the date and at the time of the violation, please include a copy of that proof along with your declaration. On the date of your scheduled hearing, the court will review your declaration and the police officer's sworn statement and render a decision. The infraction will be found committed and a monetary penalty will be determined. The finding will be reported to the Department of Licensing. The penalty will be based on the facts of the case and your driving record. You agree to pay the court-ordered penalty within the specified time ordered by the judge. You will be notified by mail of the judge's decision.

The court must receive your declaration AT LEAST FIVE DAYS PRIOR to the scheduled hearing date.

Declarations, which are not received prior to the scheduled hearing date, will not be considered. If the court does not receive your declaration by the hearing date and you fail to appear for the hearing, a \$52 default penalty will be added and the finding will be reported to the Department of Licensing. Unpaid fines may also result in a referral to a collection agency and suspension of your privilege to drive.

Defendant's Statement

I wish to submit my case to the court on written statements. I have read and agree to abide by the rules and procedures governing hearings by mail. I agree to pay any penalty imposed in the time provided by the court.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Please Print

Date: _____

Address: _____

Hearing Date & Time: _____

Ticket Number (required): _____

Phone: _____

Mail to:

- THE FOLLOWING IS MY WRITTEN STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE CIRCUMSTANCES:**

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Signature